

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT**  
**PLANNING, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, AND TRACK INSPECTION**  
November & December, 2005

**PLANNERS/DEVELOPMENT**  
**SPECIALISTS**

Lou Jannazo  
Don Damron  
Bev Lee

**TRACK INSPECTOR**

**Dave Reid Retired As of 12/31/04**

**TRACK INSPECTION**

- \* Helped with US Rail Meadow Run Yard improvement inspection.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

- \* Helped prepare agendas and briefing packets for January 12, 2006 meeting.

**TRAINING**

- \* No Activity.

**FREIGHT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**

***New Project Development/Continued Project Development***

- \* Continued work and investigations into various ongoing spur project proposals including Accutech in Coldwater, Buckingham Coal in Corning, Greater Ohio Ethanol in Lima, Farmers Ethanol near Cadiz, Conley Transload in Portsmouth, and others.
- \* Continued helping Matt with project to move CSX Columbus intermodal facility from Buckeye Yard to Parsons Yard.
- \* Pursuing new project investigations for various transload projects including coal transloads in Wellsville, Oak Hill, and Warrenton as well as other transload projects.
- \* Pursuing various Spur projects such as Dupont in Circleville, Double D Logistics near Toledo, Owens Corning in Mt. Vernon, Spartech in Greenville, and others.
- \* Developed Marion Industrial Center and Grand River lease projects for presentation to Commission.

**PASSENGER PLANNING**

***Ohio Hub***

- \* Continued work and coordination with other states and railroads on Ohio Hub Study.
- \* Continued progressing the feasibility study for the Chicago - Ft. Wayne - Lima - Columbus - Pittsburgh High Speed Rail corridor. ODOT is paying for study with federal planning funds.
- \* Started coordination, meetings, and guidance of the Ohio Hub Economic Impacts study .

***Other Passenger Initiatives***

- \* Continued coordination with the MWRRI study effort.
- \* Attended meetings or otherwise kept abreast of passenger issues in across Ohio and nationally through participation in the States for Passenger Rail.
- \* Continued providing the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad technical support and advice to help

get excursion trains to downtown Cleveland.

- \* Continued providing guidance to Buckeye Central Scenic Railroad for planning a possible expansion into Dawes Arboretum and coordinating a rail with trail.

#### **OTHER PLANNING INITIATIVES**

- \* Helping Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission with long range transportation plan as it relates to freight development.

- \* Helping City of Lima to investigate new federal funding for possible rerouting of I&O tracks through Lima onto CSX right-of-way.

- \* Working with National Cooperative Highway Research Program (part of Transportation Research Board) on a panel conducting a study of best practices to preserve rail infrastructure for the future.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- \* Assisting ODOT District 11 with a flooding issue near SR 7 that impacts W&LE trestle in Bridgeport.

- \* Assisting Van Wert County Port Authority and RJ Corman Railroad (RJC) with possible project to abandon 10 miles of the Port Authority's line (which is operated by the RJC) from Elgin to Glenmore and reusing the rail on RJC Minster to St. Marys Branch.

- \* Investigated concerns of local Hamden resident about new US Rail plans to store haz mat cars in the Meadow Run Yard near her house. ORDC provided funds to upgrade yard track.

#### **SAFETY**

- \* Helped Columbus & Ohio River Railroad publicize the start up of rail service on the Piney Fork up to the new Apex landfill by developing crossing safety poster and getting it displayed in various places in area (through the good offices of our Harrison County native Susan Kirkland).

- \* Gave Operation Lifesaver presentations to local middle school..

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